

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Room 105

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MAY 8, 2018

1:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., Sherrie Black, L.Ac, R.N., Esq., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Jan Exler, M.Ed., Consumer, Barbara Heller, Ed.D., R.N., Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS LATE:**

None

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Teal Beatty, L.Ac.,

### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, Danielle Vallone, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

### **GUESTS:**

Sharon Bloom, and Lillian Reese, MDH

David Blaiwas, L.Ac. and Tracy Soltesz, L.Ac., Maryland Acupuncture Society

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2018 MINUTES**

After review of the Minutes, Mr. Exler moved to approve the Minutes as written and Dr. Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes as written.

### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Mr. Ingegno stated that that there is no report.

#### **B. DRY NEEDLING**

Mr. Ingegno stated that he and Sherrie Black served on a Committee to determine whether dry needling is acupuncture, as assigned at the last meeting, After researching many articles and charts demonstrating the correspondences between trigger points and acupuncture points, the Committee determined that dry needling is acupuncture and recommended that the Board vote on the matter. Mr. Exler moved to accept the Committee's determination that dry needling is

acupuncture and Dr. Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CLEAN UP BILL (2019)**

Ms. Heisler provided a draft bill for review. After making several changes to the draft, Dr. Marinakis moved to approve the proposed bill as amended and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### **B. NCCAOM EXAM**

Mr. Ingegno recommended that the Board table this topic indefinitely.

Ms. Hongersmeier moved to close the meeting at 2:05 PM to go into Administrative Session in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act § 3-305(b)(2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business" and Ms Beatty seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.